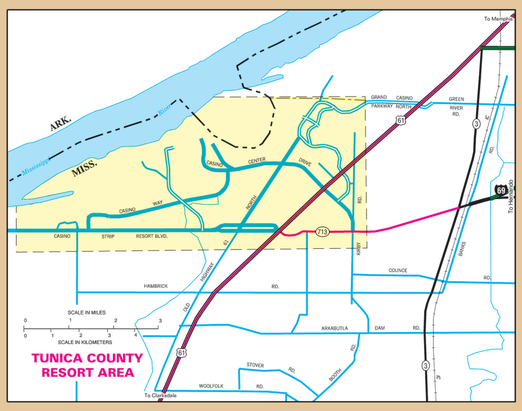

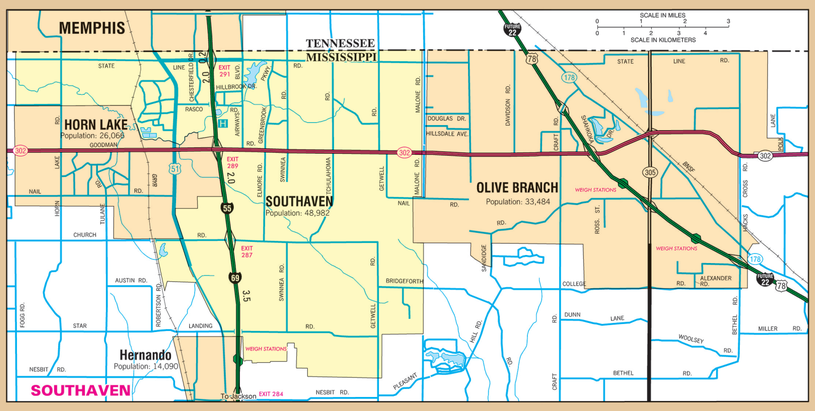

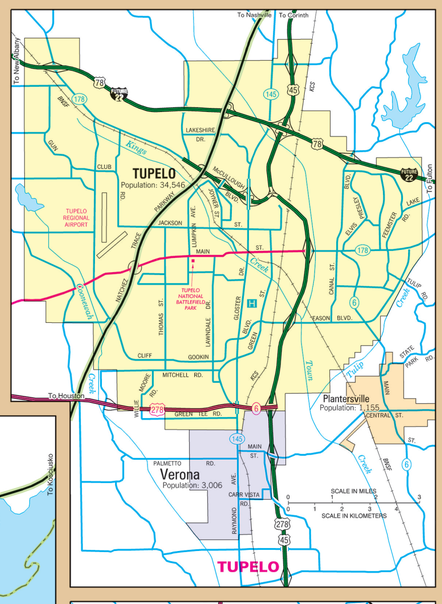

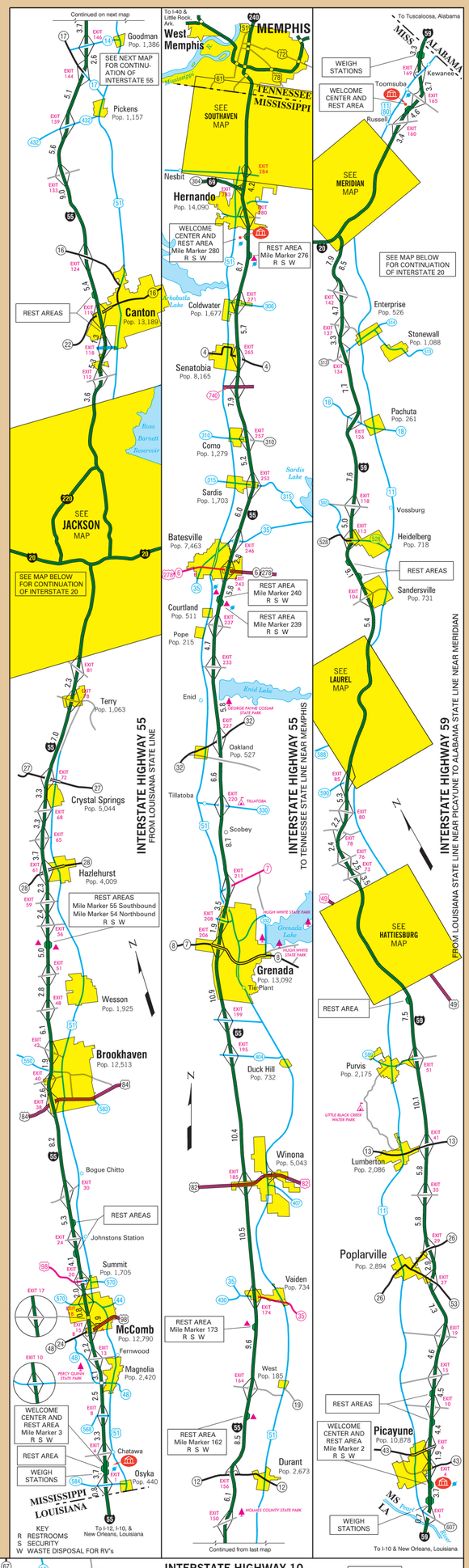

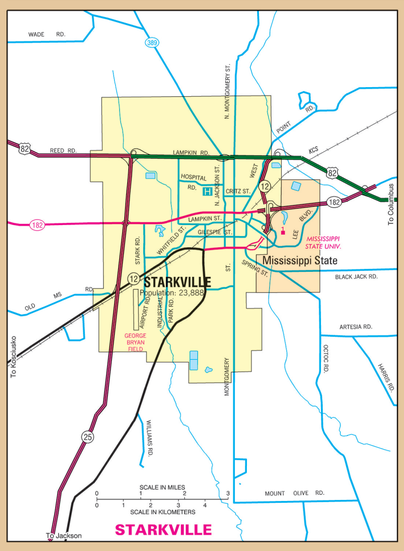

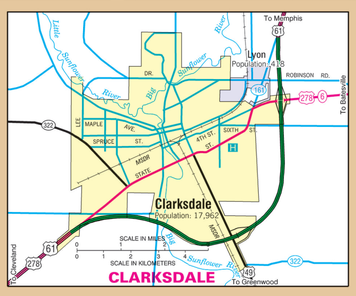

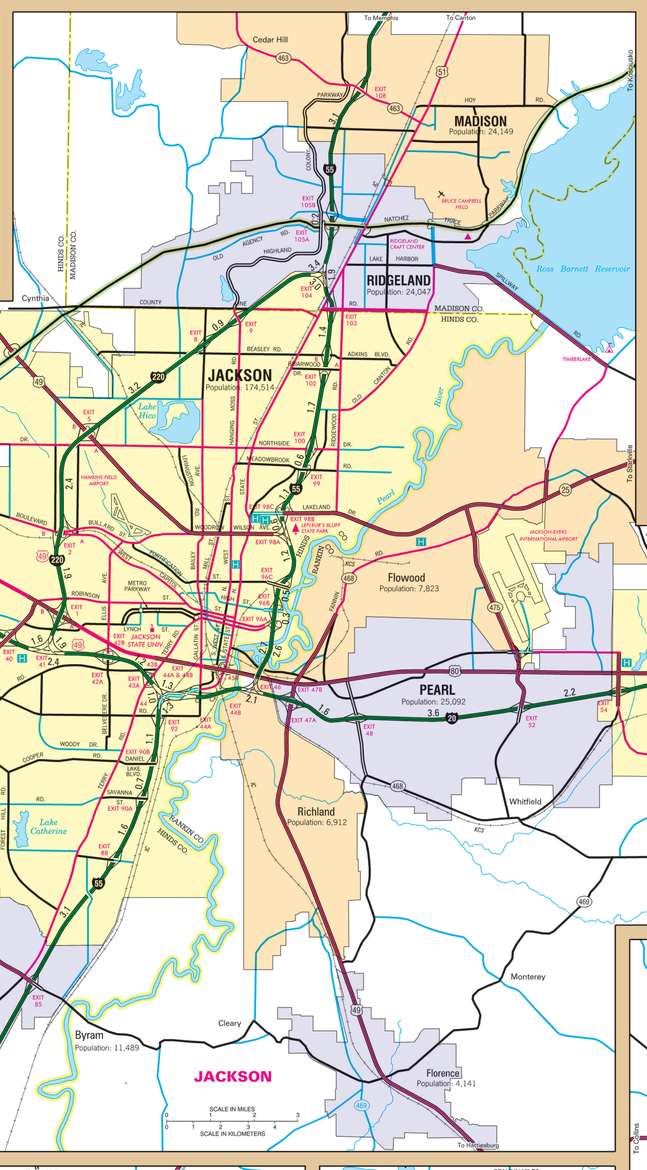

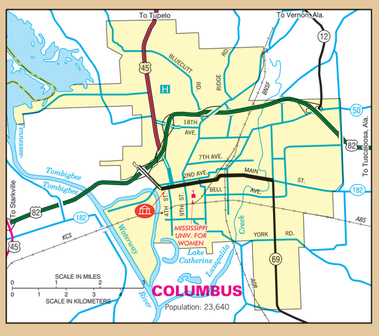

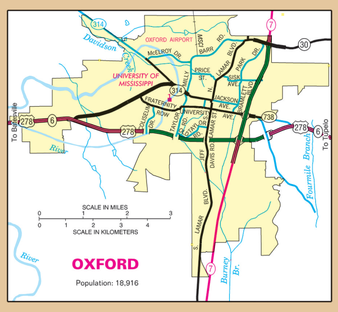

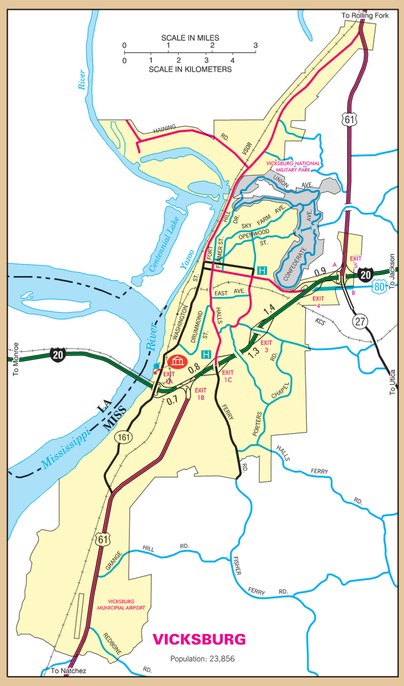

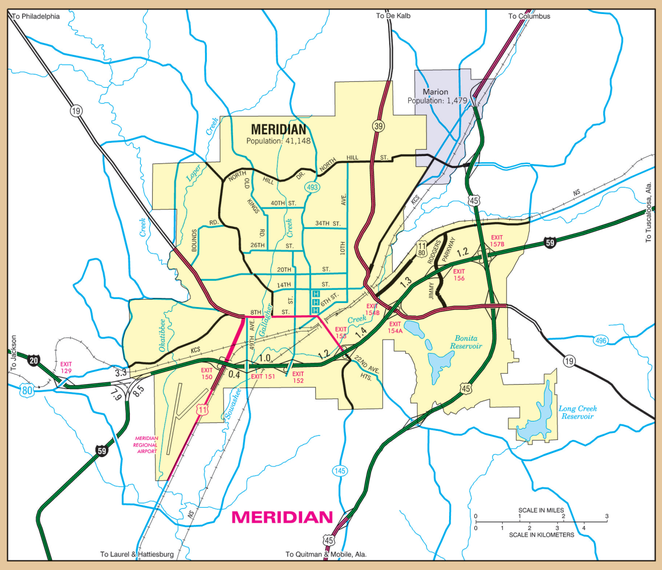

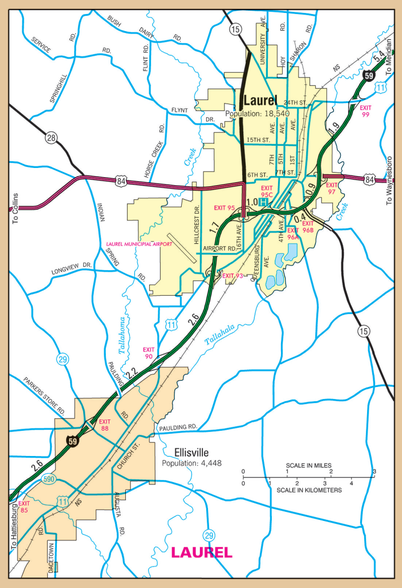

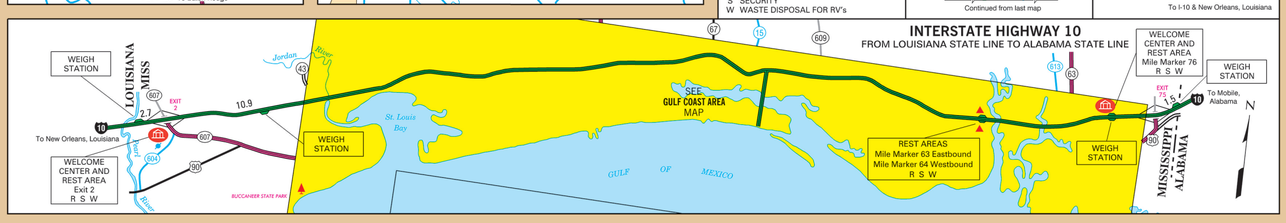

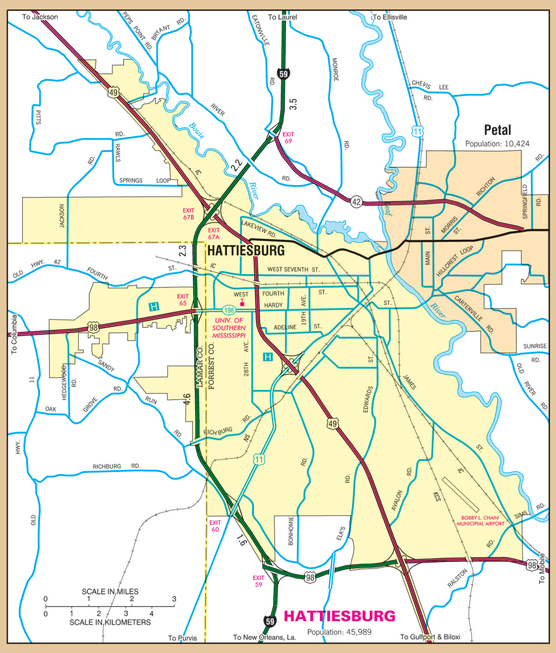

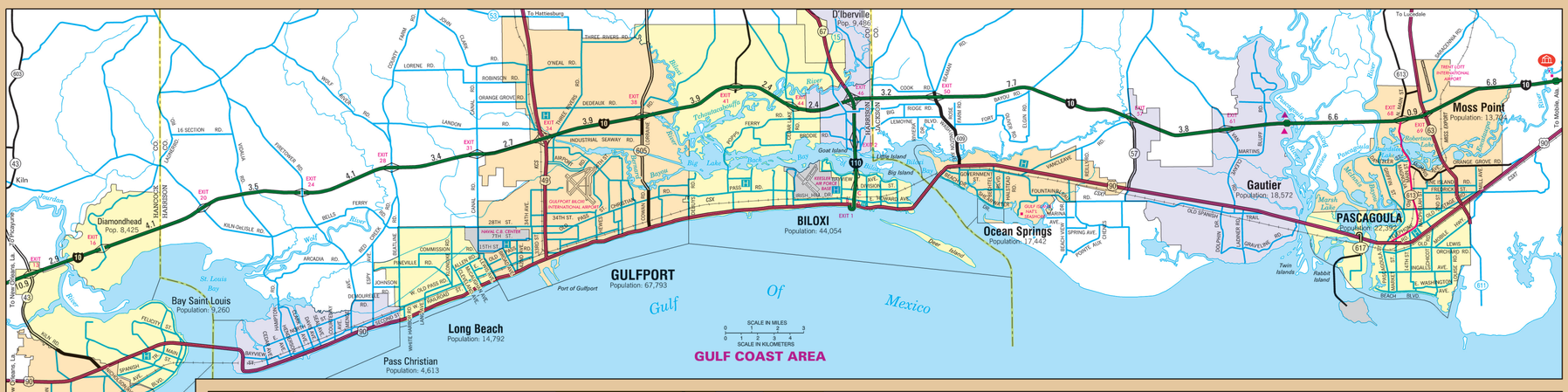

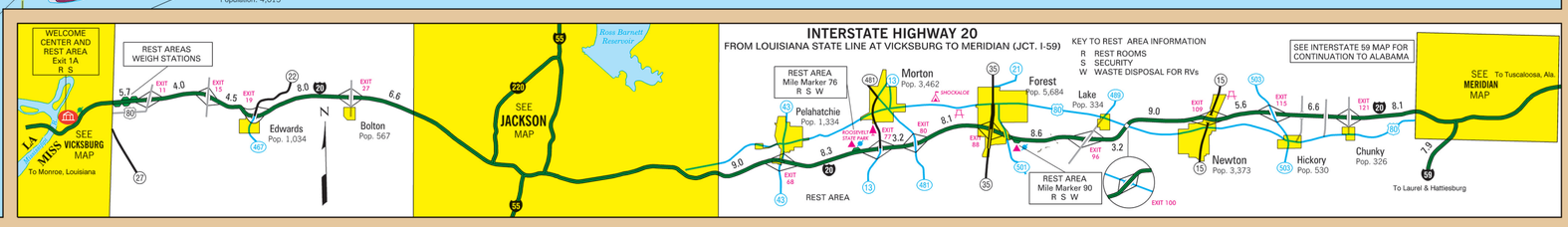

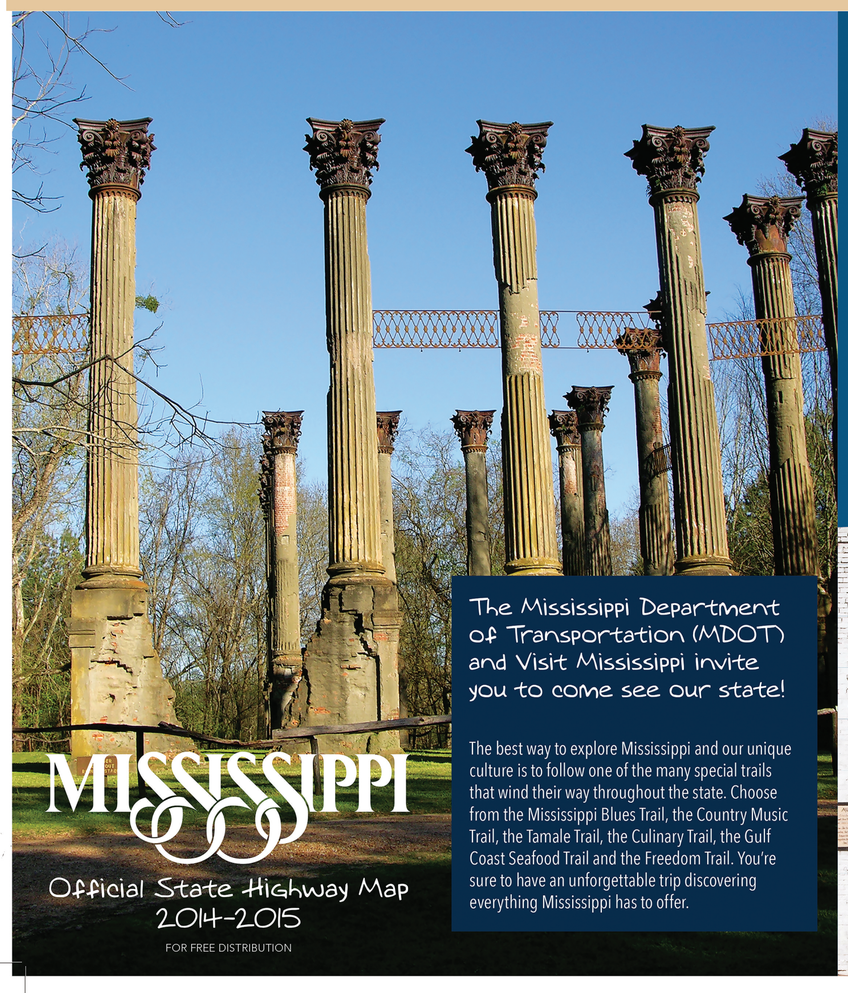

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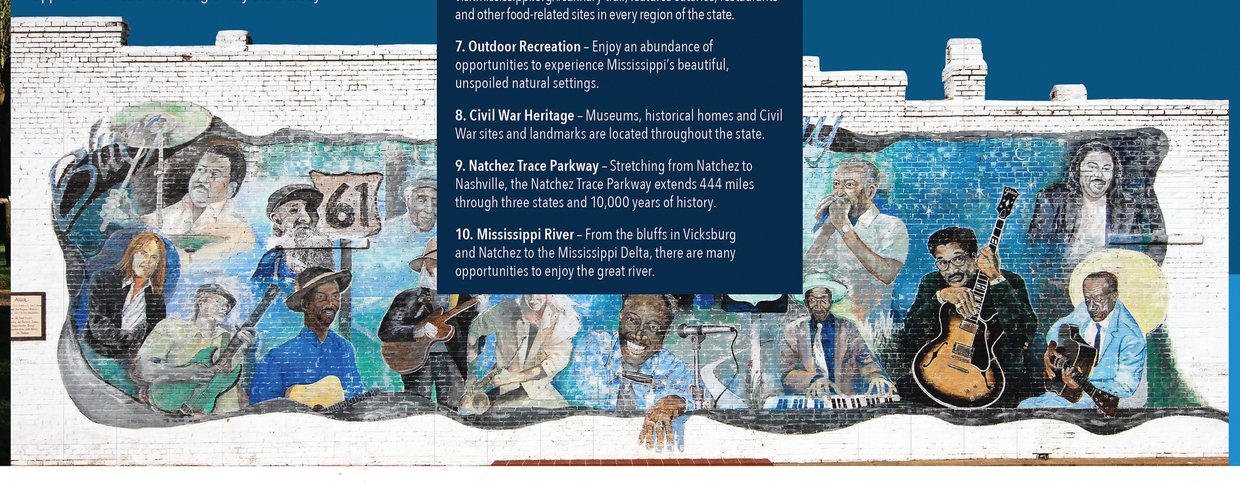

Top 10 Things to Do in Mississippi

1. **Musical Legacy** – From blues to rock 'n' roll and country, explore the state's musical roots via the Mississippi Blues Trail and Country Music Trail.

2. **Antebellum Architecture** – Natchez, Vicksburg, Aberdeen, Holly Springs and others have preserved stately antebellum homes for spring and fall pilgrimage tours.

3. **Literary Heritage** – Visit the homes of William Faulkner in Oxford, Tennessee Williams in Columbus, Eudora Welty in Jackson and other key sites that inspired so many great writers.

4. **The Mississippi Freedom Trail** recognizes the bravery and courage of the men and women engaged in the Civil Rights Movement.

5. **The Mississippi Gulf Coast** is home to world-class golf courses, artistic and historical museums, 24-hour gaming and headlining live entertainment at casino resorts.

6. **The Mississippi Culinary Trail**, online at visitmississippi.org/#culinary-trail, features eateries, restaurants and other food-related sites in every region of the state.

7. **Outdoor Recreation** – Enjoy an abundance of opportunities to experience Mississippi's beautiful, unspoiled natural settings.

8. **Civil War Heritage** – Museums, historical homes and Civil War sites and landmarks are located throughout the state.

9. **Natchez Trace Parkway** – Stretching from Natchez to Nashville, the Natchez Trace Parkway extends 444 miles through three states and 10,000 years of history.

10. **Mississippi River** – From the bluffs in Vicksburg and Natchez to the Mississippi Delta, there are many opportunities to enjoy the great river.

Don't Trash Mississippi

Every year, Mississippi has to spend more than $3.2 million picking up litter on our state's highways. This money could be used to build and repair roads and bridges–things that improve our state's infrastructure and economy.

Don't trash Mississippi. Put trash where it belongs, and remember to recycle whenever possible. Because it's not just a can or food wrapper you're throwing away. It's Mississippi's money.

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the beautiful state of Mississippi! From the rolling northern hills to the beaches of the Gulf Coast, the state's diverse landscape offers a one-of-a-kind experience for enjoying outdoor recreation. Mississippi's natural resources will awe you whether you fish, swim, water ski, hike, cycle or hunt. Our great outdoors is your playground!

In addition to the outdoor wonders, we invite you to explore the Mississippi Blues and Country Music Trails, or visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley. Discover Civil War battlefields or learn more about the Civil Rights Movement along the Mississippi Freedom Trail. Round out your trip with fresh Gulf Coast seafood and farm-raised catfish or mouth-watering fried chicken and fresh-picked vegetables. Immerse yourself in great stories by William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty, Richard Wright, Willie Morris and John Grisham. No other place embodies the heart and soul of the creative spirit like Mississippi.

From our agricultural roots and outdoor beauty to the sights and sounds of the creative economy at work, Mississippi has an experience for every person to savor. Start your journey today.

Sincerely,

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